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FY-05 MEAL RATES (J4)

1. This Army Bulletin provides Department of the Army Daily Food Service Meal Rates and current guidelines for FY-05.

2. Enclosure 1 identifies FY-05 meal rates for meals served at Appropriated Fund Dining Facilities.

3. The rationale for reimbursement at the standard rate for meals served in Appropriated Fund Dining Facilities is as outlined below:

a. Traditional ARNG Enlisted member not receiving the meal portion of per diem nor a monetary allowance for subsistence would be furnished the meal at no cost for inactive duty training (IDT) and annual training (AT). This constitutes subsistence in kind (SIK) soldier.

b. During IDT, for meals prepared and served in garrison or delivered during field training conditions, Active Guard Reserve (AGR) members (Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted), Active Component (AC) (Officer, Enlisted) and Federal Civilian Employees receiving an allowance for subsistence will reimburse the Government for meals consumed at the Standard Meal Rate.

c. When traditional ARNG Officers and Warrant Officers are performing IDT and AT and consuming meals in garrison, at the armory, or in the field, reimbursement to the Government will be at the Standard Meal Rate.

d. When payroll deduction procedures are selected by the respective State as the reimbursement method to the Government for meals consumed, meal costs will be at the Standard Meal Rate.

e. Attached or assigned AGR Enlisted personnel required to attend IDT and AT with their unit of assignment will reimburse the Government at the Standard Meal Rate for meals consumed.

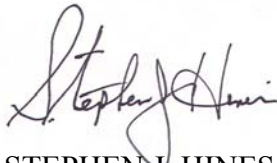
4. The Discount Rate applies as follows:

a. Spouses and other dependents of enlisted personnel in grade E-1 through E-4.

b. ROTC and members of organized non-profit youth groups.

5. Catered or commercially prepared meal procedures are not affected by these meal rates. All personnel, other than personnel authorized SIK consuming catered or commercially prepared meals (to include ARNG contracted dining facilities) will pay the cost of the meal to the Government.
6. All previous Letters of Instruction and Army Bulletins pertaining to Basic Daily Food Allowance (BDFA) are hereby rescinded.
7. POC for additional information or guidance is CW2 John S. Garrison, (609) 562-0281.

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FOOD SERVICE CHARGES AT APPROPRIATED FUND DINING FACILITIES
FISCAL YEAR 2005

The provisions of Chapter 19, "Food Service Program," Volume 12, "Special Accounts, Funds and Programs," of DoD Financial Management Regulation (DoD 7000.14-R) stipulate that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) annually shall prescribe rates to be charged for meals at Department of Defense (DoD) appropriated fund dining facilities. Food service rates for fiscal year 2005, are effective January 1, 2005.

A. Traditional Meal System

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u> ^{1/}	<u>Standard Rate</u> ^{2/}
Breakfast	\$1.55	\$1.90
Lunch	3.00	3.50
Dinner	3.00	3.50
Brunch	3.45	4.00
Supper	4.10	4.90
Holiday	4.90	5.80
Night Snack	1.90	2.25

^{1/} The discount rate shall be charged to:

- (a) spouses and other dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4.
- (b) members of organized nonprofit youth groups sponsored at either the national or local level and permitted to eat in the general dining facility by the Commanding Officer of the installation. Such groups include: Civil Air Patrol, Junior ROTC and Scouting units.
- (c) officers, enlisted members, and federal civilian employees who are not receiving the meal portion of per diem and who are either:
 - (1) Performing duty on a U.S. Government vessel,
 - (2) On field duty,
 - (3) In a group travel status, or
 - (4) Included in essential unit messing (EUM) as defined in the JFTR, Volume 1.
- (d) officers, enlisted members, and federal employees who are not receiving the meal portion of per diem, and who are on a U.S. Government aircraft on official duty either as a passenger or as a crew member engaged in flight operations.
- (e) officers, enlisted members, and federal employees on Joint Task Force operations other than training at temporary U.S. installations, or using temporary dining facilities.

^{2/} The standard rate shall be charged to all officers and enlisted members receiving an allowance for subsistence (other than those addressed in Note ^{1/} above), any officer, enlisted member or federal civilian employee receiving the subsistence portion of per diem, and all other personnel (including Reserve Component officers on Inactive Duty Training) authorized to eat in DoD appropriated fund dining facilities.

- B. A la Carte Meal Pricing System. When using an "a la carte" menu, the price of each item on the menu shall be established at 133 percent of the food cost (i.e., the cost of unprepared food multiplied by a factor of 1.33).